

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 75, 104, 125, and 144. Please cancel Claims 21, 23, 41, 42, 46-49, 54, 56, 58, 59, and 61 without prejudice. A complete copy of the claims including marked-up versions of each claim which is amended in this Amendment appears below.

1 1. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:
3 a single sheet of web material comprising at least one fold located therein, two
4 areas of structural weakness on opposite sides of said fold, and an opening located at ends
5 of said sheet of web material which are distally located with respect to ~~generally opposite~~
6 said fold; and
7 a reclosable fastener structure comprising two releasably engageable tracks each
8 having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom, said reclosable fastener
9 structure being located in said fold;
10 said skirt structures each including a distal margin;
11 said distal margins of said skirt structures being respectively coupled to said web material
12 at opposed locations respectively located between said areas of structural weakness and
13 said opening;

14 said reclosable fastener structure extending at least in part past said areas of structural
15 weakness and into said fold structure;
16 said reclosable bag being capable of being filled with at least one food product through
17 said opening at said distally located ends of said sheet of web material, following which
18 said distally located ends of said sheet of web material are sealed together to enclose the
19 at least one food product inside said reclosable bag.

1 2. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein the skirt
2 web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

Claims 3-5 (Cancelled).

1 6. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein said web
2 material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film
3 material having predetermined dimensions.

1 7. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 6, wherein the areas
2 of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

1 8. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein said areas
2 of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of
3 web material.

1 9. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 8, wherein the
2 predetermined dimension is width.

Claims 10-13 (Cancelled).

1 14. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein said areas
2 of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web
3 material in a predetermined pattern.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

1 16. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein said areas
2 of structural weakness comprise scoring.

Claim 17 (Cancelled).

1 18. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein said sheet
2 of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

1 19. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 18, wherein said
2 multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

Claim 20-74 (Cancelled).

1 75. (Currently Amended) A pre-packaged cheese bag, said pre-packaged cheese bag
2 comprising:

3 a single sheet of web material having at least one fold structure, two
4 predetermined tear areas on opposite sides of said fold structure, and an opening located
5 at ends of said sheet of web material which are distally located with respect to generally
6 opposite said fold structure;

7 a reclosable fastener structure including two releasably engageable fastener tracks
8 each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom, said skirt
9 structures each including a distal margin, said distal margins being respectively coupled
10 to said web material at predetermined locations on the sides of said predetermined tear
11 areas opposite said fold structure;

12 wherein said fastener tracks extend above said tear areas into said fold structure;
13 said pre-packaged cheese bag being filled with at least one cheese through said opening
14 at said distally located ends of said sheet of web material, following which said distally
15 located ends of said sheet of web material are sealed together to enclose the at least one
16 food product inside said reclosable bag.

Claims 76-78 (Cancelled).

- 1 79. (Previously Presented) A pre-packaged cheese bag as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said skirt web material is integral to said reclosable fastener structure.

Claims 80-81 (Cancelled).

- 1 82. (Previously Presented) A pre-packaged cheese bag as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said web material of said pre-packaged bag is substantially comprised of a sheet
3 of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

- 1 83. (Previously Presented) A pre-packaged cheese bag as defined in Claim 75, further
2 including at least two areas of structural weakness and wherein said fold structure is
3 located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness.

- 1 84. (Previously Presented) A pre-packaged cheese bag as defined in Claim 83,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

- 1 85. (Previously Presented) A pre-packaged cheese bag as defined in Claim 83,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined
3 dimension of said sheet of web material.

- 1 86. (Previously Presented) A pre-packaged cheese bag as defined in Claim 85,
2 wherein said predetermined dimension is width.

Claims 87-92 (Cancelled).

- 1 93. (Previously Presented) A pre-packaged cheese bag as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

Claims 94-103 (Cancelled).

- 1 104. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:
3 a single sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness,
4 said sheet of web material having at least one fold structure located between said two
5 areas of structural weakness, said sheet of web material also having an opening located at
6 ends of said sheet of web material which are distally located with respect to said fold;
7 a reclosable fastener structure having two releasably engageable fastener halves
8 each including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending ~~therefrom;~~ therefrom, said
9 skirt structures each having a distal margin, wherein said distal margin of said skirt
10 structure of one of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material between one of
11 said areas of structural weakness and said opening, and wherein said distal margin of said

12 skirt structure of the other of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material between
13 the other of said areas of weakness and said opening;
14 wherein said fastener halves of said reclosable fastener structure extend past said areas of
15 structural weakness into said fold structure;
16 said reclosable bag being capable of being filled with at least one food product through
17 said opening at said distally located ends of said sheet of web material, following which
18 said distally located ends of said sheet of web material are sealed together to enclose the
19 at least one food product inside said reclosable bag.

Claims 105-106 (Cancelled).

1 107. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 104, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off
3 portion being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural
4 weakness.

1 108. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 107, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material when said tear off portion has been removed therefrom.

1 109. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 107, wherein said
2 fastener halves extend beyond the portions of said sheet of web material when said tear
3 off portion has been removed therefrom.

1 110. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein said areas
2 of structural weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion
3 being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 111. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 110, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been
4 removed therefrom.

1 112. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 110, wherein said
2 releasably engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the
3 portions of said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion
4 has been removed therefrom.

1 113. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 21, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off

3 portion being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural
4 weakness.

1 114. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 113, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material from which said tear off portion may be removed.

1 115. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 113, wherein said
2 male and female track structures of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the
3 portions of said sheet of web material from which said tear off portion may be removed.

1 116. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 41, wherein said tear
2 areas define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being capable of
3 being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 117. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 116, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been
4 removed therefrom.

1 118. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 116, wherein said
2 releasably engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the
3 portions of said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion
4 has been removed therefrom.

1 119. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 61, wherein said
2 predetermined areas define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion
3 being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 120. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 119, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been
4 removed therefrom.

1 121. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 119, wherein said
2 releasably engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the
3 portions of said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion
4 has been removed therefrom.

1 122. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 predetermined tear areas define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off
3 portion being capable of being removed by tearing along said predetermined tear areas.

1 123. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 122, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been
4 removed therefrom.

1 124. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 122, wherein said
2 fastener tracks extend beyond the portions of said sheet of web material opposite said
3 opening when said tear off portion has been removed therefrom.

1 125. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 ~~at least one~~ a single sheet of web material defining:

4 a front panel having a top, a bottom, and sides; and

5 a rear panel having a top, a bottom, and sides, said tops and said sides of

6 said front and rear panels being coupled together, a fold being located between

7 said tops of said front and rear panels, an opening being located between said

8 bottoms of said front and rear panels;

an area of structural weakness located in each of said front and rear panels below said tops of said front and rear panels and extending between at least a substantial portion of said sides of said front and rear panels; and

a reclosable fastener assembly comprising first and second interlockable fastener tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending downwardly therefrom, said skirt structures each including a distal portion, said distal portion of said skirt structure of said first fastener track being coupled to said front panel below said area of structural weakness located in said front panel, said distal portion of said skirt structure of said second fastener track being coupled to said rear panel below said area of structural weakness located in said rear panel; wherein a substantial portion of said first and second interlockable fastener tracks of said reclosable slider fastener extend above said areas of structural weakness, and wherein said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

126. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said areas of structural weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 127. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 126, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been
4 removed therefrom.

1 128. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 126, wherein said
2 releasably engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the
3 portions of said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion
4 has been removed therefrom.

1 129. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said
2 front panel and said rear panel comprise a single segment of web material, a fold being
3 located in said segment of web material intermediate said front panel and said rear panel.

1 130. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 129, wherein said
2 fold is located intermediate said areas of structural weakness.

1 131. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise a hermetic seal.

1 132. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said areas of structural weakness extend in a direction which is
3 generally parallel to said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 133. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said
2 distal portions of said skirt structures of said first and second fastener tracks are
3 releasably coupled to each, thereby forming a peelable hermetic seal.

1 134. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness are integral to said web material.

1 135. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said
2 sheet of web material comprises a multiple laminate film.

1 136. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 135, wherein said
2 multiple laminate film comprises at least one layer of material comprising said two areas
3 of structural weakness.

1 137. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein areas of
2 structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 138. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein areas of
2 structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 139. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein areas of
2 structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 140. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, additionally
2 comprising:
3 at least one tear tape structure coupled to said web material and adjacent to at least
4 one of said areas of structural weakness.

1 141. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, additionally
2 comprising:
3 notches in said sides of said front and rear panels which are located adjacent
4 opposite ends of said areas of structural weakness.

1 142. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein opposite
2 ends of said first and second fastener tracks are sealed together, thereby retaining said
3 slider thereupon.

1 143. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said
2 slider is moveable on said first and second fastener tracks between opposite ends of said
3 first and second fastener tracks to selectively engage said tracks together and disengage
4 said first and second fastener tracks, thereby respectively closing and opening said
5 reclosable bag.

1 144. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 ~~at least one~~ a single sheet of web material including at least one fold structure
4 which is centrally located therein, two predetermined tear areas on opposite sides of said
5 fold structure, and an opening located at ends of said sheet of web material which are
6 distally located with respect to ~~generally opposite~~ said fold structure; and

7 a reclosable fastener structure including two releasably engageable fastener tracks
8 each having an integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom, said
9 integral skirt structures each having a distal margin, wherein said distal margin of said
10 integral skirt structure of one of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material
11 between one of said tear areas and said opening, and wherein said distal margin of said
12 integral skirt structure of the other of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material
13 between the other of said tear areas and said opening;
14 wherein said fastener tracks extend above at least a substantial portion of said areas of
15 structural weakness into said fold structure;

16 wherein said areas of structural weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween,
17 said tear off portion being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of
18 structural weakness; and
19 wherein said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one food product
20 through said opening at said distally located ends of said sheet of web material, following
21 which said distally located ends of said sheet of web material are sealed together to
22 enclose the at least one food product inside said reclosable bag.

1 145. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 144, wherein said tear
2 areas define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being capable of
3 being removed by tearing along said tear areas.

1 146. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 145, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of
3 said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been
4 removed therefrom.

1 147. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 145, wherein said
2 fastener tracks extend beyond the portions of said sheet of web material opposite said
3 opening when said tear off portion has been removed therefrom.